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## TAKE PRIDE IN BERLIN WEEK & BERLIN CLEAN UPDAY April 17<sup>th</sup> through April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 Dedicated to the Berlin Non-Profits

Clean Up Day Looking for Volunteers for annual spring cleaning of parks & downtown

Berlin, MD – The 8th Annual Take Pride in Berlin Week will be April 17 through 22, 2023, ending with Clean-Up Berlin Day on Saturday, April 22nd.

Each day that week, beginning on Monday, April 17th from 11 AM to 3 PM at the Berlin Welcome Center, one of the Town's local non-profits will have information about their organization and be given the opportunity to fundraise.

On Saturday, April 22nd the town will hold the annual Berlin Clean-Up Day from 8:30 AM to noon. Dedicated volunteers are needed to help for a few hours to celebrate Earth Day by giving Berlin's Parks, downtown, and neighborhoods, a spring cleaning.

There are several opportunities for volunteers assisting the Berlin Horticultural Advisory Committee with planting gardens in the parks and downtown from 8:30 AM until 10:30 AM and helping with low maintenance planting, weeding, raking, mulching, and trash pick- up downtown and in the Parks.

The main clean-up areas are Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street, Henry Park on Flower Street, Heron Park on Old Ocean City Boulevard, and in the downtown commercial district. Some supplies will be available for use, but participants are encouraged to bring their own. Rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows are always needed. This is a great opportunity for students to earn service hours.

Clean-up of Hudson Branch will also be needed; this activity is not for young children. Heavy clothes and boots are recommended.

For general park clean-up, sign up at any of the parks starting at 8:30 am; Hudson Branch sign-up is at Henry Park.

Volunteers can also choose to spend their time anywhere they feel needs attention. Trash pickup will be available; items for pickup will need to be placed in one location in the clean-up area and the Town must be contacted so that crews are aware of the location.

Volunteers are asked to sign in and pick up supplies at the town's parks and at the Berlin Welcome Center starting at 8:30 AM.

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Information can also be found on Facebook at "Take Pride in Berlin Week."

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